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Shortfall in Production of Hindustan Copper Limited

6845. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production has declined in various units of the Hindustan Copper Limited during the last six months, and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b). The copper production by Hindustan Copper Limited at its four units during March, 1991 to August, 1991 and for the corresponding period in the previous year was as follows:-

(*Unit : Tonnes*)

Unit	*Production during March -August, '91*	*Production during March-August,'90*
I. Khetri Copper Complex (KCC), Rajasthan		
i. Ore production.	815458	876684
ii. Chathodes (refined copper)	15474	9445
II. Indian Copper Complex (ICC), Ghatsila, Bihar		
i. ore production	580058	651316
ii. Cathodes (refined copper)	6809	6949
III. Malanjkhand Copper Project (MCP), Madhya Pradesh		
Ore production	954309	937962
IV. Continuous Cast Copper Wire Rod Plant, Taloja, Maharashtra		
CC Rod	10421	8424

Thus,there has been a marginal decline in ore production at KCC and ICC and in metal production at ICC only. The main reasons for the shortfall have been a follows;-

a) Fall in grade of ore at KCC.

b) Unsatisfactory power supply position at ICC.